

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 8-11 as follows

Thus, lipases have been used for a number of years as detergent enzymes to remove lipid or fatty stains from clothes and other textiles, particularly a lipase derived from *Humicola lanuginosa* (EP 258 068 and EP 305 216) sold under the trade name Lipolase-LIPOLASE[®] (product of ~~Novo-Nordisk~~ Novozymes A/S).

Please amend the paragraph on page 10, line 28, to page 11, line 2, as follows:

Modified lipases were prepared by covalently linking tetradecanoyl (C₁₄) and hexadecanoyl (C₁₆) groups, respectively, to Lipolase-LIPOLASE[®] (*Humicola lanuginosa* lipase). Each lipase molecule has 7 amino groups (N-terminal + 6 lysine residues), and it was estimated that an average of 3 fatty acyl groups were linked to each molecule.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 4-6 as follows:

Two variants of Lipolase-LIPOLASE[®] were prepared by amino acid substitutions so that the variants had the following amino groups. Other lysine residues were substituted with arginine:

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 12-13 as follows:

A variant of LIPOLASE[®] Lipolase was prepared by substituting lysine residues with arginine to obtain a lipase variant having two amino groups, at the N-terminal and Lys 24.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 22-25 as follows:

Monopods, dipods and tripods are prepared from LIPOLASE[®] Lipolase by removing the N-terminal amino group by pyroglutamate cyclization and making variants by amino acid substitutions having lysine at the following positions. Other lysine residues are substituted with arginine:

Please amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 4-5 as follows

The two modified lipases were tested as described below, and unmodified LIPOLASE[®] Lipelase was tested for comparison.

Please amend the Table on page 13, lines 1-2 as follows

Results:

	Lipase	Dosage, LU/l	ΔR
Reference	<u>LIPOLASE[®]</u> Lipelase	1329	0.3
		4011	0.7
Invention	<u>LIPOLASE[®]</u> Lipelase modified with C ₁₄	1617	1.9
		4880	5.2
	<u>LIPOLASE[®]</u> Lipelase modified with C ₁₆	1212	2.2
		3658	5.5